

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 961 - HB 1139

March 21, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Changes, from 90 to 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, the time period in which the nonprofit Books from Birth partner has to annually submit a complete and detailed report setting forth its operations and accomplishments to the Governor and the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006053):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes the "Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (Office)". Authorizes the Office to partner with a nonprofit public benefit corporation that is organized to maximize the effectiveness of faith-based and community initiatives in serving Tennesseans with respect to public purposes, in order to carry out the purposes of the Office.

Requires the Governor to select the members of the board of directors of the nonprofit partner and an executive director for the nonprofit. Authorizes the board to select its own chair. Allows the nonprofit partner to receive staff and other assistance from any department, agency, board or commission, or other division of state government.

States that it is the General Assembly's intent that the state shall realize no increased costs as a result of this legislation. Attaches the Office to the Department of Finance and Administration for administrative purposes.

Makes the nonprofit partner eligible to be a participating employer in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) and to participate as an eligible quasi-governmental organization in the local government health insurance plan.

Subjects the nonprofit partner to examination and audit by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed that all departments, agencies, boards or commissions, or other divisions of state government will provide staff and any assistance within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Treasury, any cost of participation in TCRS will be paid by the nonprofit partner and would be based on the demographics of the employees and the plan design the entity chooses for such employees.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-27-702 authorizes the Local Government Insurance Committee to establish a group insurance plan for employees of quasi-governmental organizations if they meet certain criteria.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-27-703 requires that all costs of the health plan, including plan administration, are to be fully borne by such organization; therefore, any fiscal impact on state or local government will be not significant.
- The Comptroller can accommodate the proposed legislation within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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